

LATE GOALS BEAT WYCOMBE

Sports Mail Special Report

WYCOMBE, a goal in the lead for only thirty seconds, held out at 1-1 until with ten minutes to go the Casuals suddenly found a way through the defence again to take both points.

Corinthian Casuals: Clyde: Turn-
bull, Durham; Pratt, Goy, Moore;
Williams, Black, Clarke, Richardson,
Bateson.

Wycombe: Patrick; Buck, Pullin;
Thomas, Roystone, Gale, Worley,
Bassett, Merrick, Horseman, Hodges.

Referee: Mr. A. J. Pique. of Footing.
Two Casuals players arrived
15 minutes after the original
kick-off time and one Wycombe
player, David Bassett, arrived
more than five minutes after
the game had started.

A newspaper reporter was
just changing for Wycombe
when Bassett arrived to take
his place.

The frosty pitch seemed to
suit the quick passing style
of Casuals and they did most
of the early attacking. After
seven minutes they nearly took
the lead when Moore fired in
a shot which Patrick pushed
out.

Then Beck's pass back beat
his keeper, who had slipped,
but the full-back managed to
clear. After 25 minutes
HORSEMAN outjumped the
defence to head in a Bassett
cross and put Wycombe in the
lead.

SOON EQUALISED

But 30 seconds later Casuals
were on terms again as MOORE
ran through to shoot home.
For the remainder of the first
half both sides tried unsuccess-
fully to open another path to
goal.

Half-time: Corinthian-Casuals
1, Wycombe Wanderers 1.

Bassett nearly put Wycombe

ahead after the interval but
Joy blocked what looked like a
certain goal.

Wycombe had a lucky escape
when Williams hit a shot over
Patrick but it bounced on to the
cross bar. The next minute
Pullin headed away as his
goalkeeper was stranded.

The Casuals kept up the
pressure but Patrick was in
great form and he often
saved brilliantly.

Luck was really on
Wycombe's side when Casuals
leader Clarke saw his shot beat
Patrick but bounce into the
goalkeeper's arms after hitting
a post.

But with only ten minutes
left, their pressure paid off
when BATESON tapped home
a shot from close range. And in
the last seconds, right winger
WILLIAMS put the issue be-
yond doubt.

RESULT:

CORINTHIAN-CASUALS 3
WYCOMBE WANDERERS 1

WANDERERS ECLIPSED

Cor. Casuals 3 Wycombe W. 1.

DAVID BASSETT, Wycombe
Wanderers reserve inside
right, missed the opening 10
minutes of this Isthmian League
battle which Casuals dominated
at Dulwich Hamlet yesterday
(writes COLIN BARR).

He lost his way to the ground.
But 15 minutes later Bassett's high
pass found Tony Horseman ready
to head the Wanderers towards
what looked like being a convinc-
ing victory.

This sudden retaliation, against
a Casuals side that showed
unexpected cohesion and goal
thrust, was eclipsed only a minute
later when Ted Moore equalised.

After the interval Wycombe, with
an attack that repeatedly failed to
blend, adopted deep-defence tactics
as their goalkeeper, Phil Patrick,
made excellent saves from Dave
Richardson.

Wycombe were lucky when Alan
Williams headed on to the bar and
Ken Clarke's shot skimmed beneath
diving Patrick—and struck a post.

Casuals' goals came in the 79th
minute from Joe Bateson and
Williams a minute from the end.

I allow for the hard and so
tricky surface, but this was one
of the most disjointed Wycombe
formations I have seen.

The Wanderers' rearguard was too
often slow in clearing, and adopted
what could prove a costly habit of
back-passing within the goal area.